GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3835
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SARDAR SAROVAR DAM
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the cases pending in Supreme Court regarding construction of dams on river Narmada have been settled;

(b) whether the construction work on these dams will commence now;

(c) the time by which the construction of all dams on Narmada river are likely to be completed; and

(d) the manner in which funds are likely to be made available to complete these dams on Narmada river?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (b) The Writ Petition (Civil) No.319/1994filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan Vs. Union of India & Ors. has been disposedoff by the Hon. Supreme Courtregarding Sardar SarovarProject on Narmada River. While disposingoff the above case, the Supreme Court has directed that the construction of the dam will continue as per the award of Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal and also permitted the construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam upto 90 Mtr. Accordingly, the construction work has already commenced. The Construction on Indira Sagar and Maheshwar Dams is also under progress.

The Civil Suit No. 1 of 1999 filed by Govt. of Madhya Pradesh in the Supreme Court has however, not come up for hearing so far.

(c) As per the Action Plan finalized by Narmada Control Authority in its meeting held on 17.11.2000 the Sardar Sarovar Dam is expected to be completed by June, 2005. Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has entered into a joint venture with NHPC inrespect of the Indira Sagar and Omkareshwer Dams. Accaording to the MOU signed between GOMP and NHPCon May, 10, 2000, these Dams are expected to be completed in 5 years and 7 years respectively.

(d) The expenditure on Sardar Sarovar Project is being met fromthe budgeted funds of the four Party State Governments namely, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat andRajasthan and capital raised by Govt. of Gujarat from publicthrough bonds. In addition, Govt. of India is providing Central Loan Assistanceunder AIBP programme forthe construction of Canal works of SSP. The cost of completing Unit I and III of IndiraSagar and Omkareshwar projects in Madhya Pradeshis to be met by the joint venture named Narmada Hydro Power Development Corporation whose corpus is made up by equity contribution of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and NHPC in the ratio of 49% and 51%.